

1 [Urging passage of AB540]

2 Resolution urging the California State Assembly to pass AB540,  
3 the Out-of-state Tuition Exemption for Immigrant Students bill.  
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5 WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court decided in Plyler  
6 v. Doe (1982) that individuals who hold "green cards" and reside  
7 in the United States are entitled to an education in the K-12  
8 system because their parents work and pay taxes regardless of  
9 their national status; and,

10 WHEREAS, Education is not only a basic right for all  
11 people, but it supports long term benefits that are in our  
12 national interest to provide a better workforce that is capable  
13 of meeting national production needs; and,

14 WHEREAS, San Francisco, with its long history of  
15 immigration and diverse communities, has a special interest in  
16 supporting education for all, regardless of immigration status;  
17 and,

18 WHEREAS, Green card holders who work successfully through  
19 the K-12 system and enter California colleges or universities  
20 are required to pay out-of-state tuition, effectively forcing  
21 them to end their education after high school; and,

22 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has already set a precedent for  
23 long-time immigrants to pay in-state tuition rates for college  
24 if the students had been enrolled in high school for at least  
25 three years; and,

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WHEREAS, AB540, sponsored by Assembly Member Marco Antonio Firebaugh, would exempt undocumented immigrants from paying out-of-state tuition, allowing them to go to college at lower in-state rates if the students have attended high school for at least three years and graduated; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Davis vetoed a similar bill last year claiming that it violated federal law, and the section that Davis cited has been amended to address his concerns; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the California State Assembly to pass AB540, the Out-of-state Tuition Exemption for Immigrant Students bill.



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September 17, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Yee

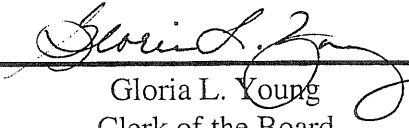
Absent: 2 - Peskin, Sandoval

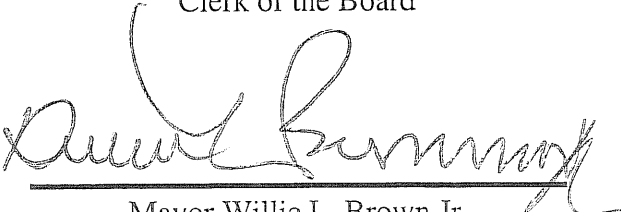
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 17, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.